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IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF DUCHESNE COUNTY

STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL DETERMINATION OF ALL THE RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREA OF THE UINTAH BASIN IN UTAH

PETITION TO APPROVE 2001
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT, 2002
BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS, 2002 SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION AND REQUEST TO
APPOINT THE 2002 RIVER COMMISSIONER FOR THE LAKE FORK AND
YELLOWSTONE RIVERS

Docket No. 3070 Judge John R. Anderson

Petitioner and the Committee for the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers, submit herewith the 2001 Annual Report of the Commissioner, the proposed 2002 Budget and Schedule of Assessments, and the 2002 proposed Schedule of Distribution, in accordance with the Interim Distribution Order signed by the Court on May 18, 1998. Petitioners, also, request the Appointment of the River Commissioner for the year 2002.

In support of this Petition, Petitioners represent to the Court that;

- 1. By its Interim Order dated May 18, 1998, a committee of water users for the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers was organized under the direction of this Court. Lynn Hansen was Chairman of the committee appointed by this Court to support the River Commissioner and to aid in carrying out the orders of this Court, in connection with the distribution system for the waters of the Lake Fork and the Yellowstone River systems.
- 2. The Committee of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers met on January 22, 2002 and Petitioner Lynn Burton was elected Chairman of that committee and is authorized to file this Petition on behalf of said committee.
- 3. The committee received and approved the 2001 report of the administration of the waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers by William Christensen, the River Commissioner for the year 2001. A copy of that report is filed herewith.
- 4. The committee reviewed and approved a budget, with schedule of assessments, for the expenses of the River Commissioner for the year 2002. The Budget and Schedule of Assessments are attached hereto as "Exhibit A".
- 5. The committee has reviewed and approved, after consultation with the Utah State Engineer, a proposed Schedule of Distribution of the Waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers and recommends it to the Court, for the year 2002. The committee

also discussed the need to include the Sand Wash Creek area in the responsibilities of the River Commissioner. The proposed Schedule of Distribution for Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River, and Sand Wash Creek are attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

- 6. The committee voted to recommend to the Court the appointment of Bill Christensen as River Commissioner of the Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River, and Sand Wash Creek, for a term of one (1) year. Petitioner further alleges that Bill Christensen is a competent and qualified person to act as said Water Commissioner.
- 7. It is requested by the committee, if for any reason the River Commissioner does not complete his term of office or is unable to fulfill his obligations as River Commissioner, that the committee be authorized to select a temporary replacement River Commissioner.
- 8. The committee requests that the Interim Order entered for the irrigation year of 1998 be reaffirmed and made applicable for the 2002 irrigation year, in the following respects:
- a. It is requested that the River Commissioner be allowed to distribute the water of the streams and reservoirs involved in accordance with this Court's Interim Order and to do all things necessary for the proper and correct measurement, diversion and distribution of said waters, in accordance with the Decrees of the Federal District Court and state laws.

- b. That the River Commissioner be directed to confer with the respective committees in developing a schedule for distribution of water, specifically, the manner in which the waters of the Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River, Sand Wash Creek, and their tributaries, should be distributed, after consultation with the State Engineer, and shall submit for next year a recommended Interim Distribution Order to this Court for its consideration.
- c. That the River Commissioner be directed to deliver and distribute the waters of such non-Federal water rights in the Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River and Sand Wash Creek, in accordance with the proposed Schedules of Distribution, attached hereto as "Exhibit B".
- d. That the waters for the Federal and non-Federal water rights be distributed in accordance with the terms and limitations of the 1923 Federal Court Decrees in cases numbered 4437 and 4418.
- e. That the River Commissioner be required to work with the respective committees to prepare a recommended budget to be submitted to the Court for the next year. Said annual report and recommended budget are to contain assessments made, monies received, along with a report of expenditures. The Court, after receiving the proposed annual budget, shall provide a thirty (30) day period for objections to be filed.

- f. Upon approval by the Court, the River Commissioner be authorized to manage the budget, to implement the ordered assessments and collection of assessed amounts from the non-Federal water user organizations or water users, and request assessment and collection from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Uintah Indian Irrigation Project, in accordance with the approved budget and schedule of assessment.
- g. Any person or entity, which is a water user in the subject rivers, or otherwise affected by the actions of the River Commissioner, may petition and appear before this Court (about the assessment amounts, the manner in which the water is distributed and/or any other claim relating to the distribution of water). In the event there is a violation of the Court's Order or any part of this Petition or, in the opinion of the River Commissioner, the occurrence of the unauthorized use of water, the River Commissioner be directed to recommend to this Court a solution to the problem, including any remedy to be imposed on the unauthorized water user or violator of the Order.
- h. If a non-Federal water user fails to pay any assessments levied, when due, that water users further use of water is prohibited.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

- That the 2001 report of the administration of the waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers be approved, as submitted and filed herewith.
- That the 2002 Budget and Schedule of Assessments, be approved, as submitted and attached hereto as "Exhibit A".
- That the proposed 2002 Schedule of Distribution of Waters of the Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River, and Sand Wash Creek be approved, as submitted and attached hereto as "Exhibit B".
- That Bill Christensen be appointed to serve as River Commissioner of the Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River, and Sand Wash Creek for a period of one (1) year.
- 5. That the Committee for the Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River, and Sand Wash Creek be authorized to appoint a temporary replacement should the River Commissioner be unable to complete the one (1) year term.
- 6. That the applicable provisions of the 1998 Interim Order, as presented herein, be reaffirmed and made effective for the year 2002.

DATED this 1874 day of april, 2001.

Chairman of the Committee for the Lake Fork River, Yellowstone River, and

Sand Wash Creek

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Lake Fork and Yellowstone River Commissioner's 2002 Budget

Salary	\$ 34,600.00	
Mileage	\$ 3,200.00	
F.I.C.A.	\$ 2,650.00	
Workers' Comp. Ins.	\$ 1,000.00	
Unemployment	\$ 20.00	
Office Supply	\$ 100.00	
Association of Water Users1	\$ 1,375.00	
Recorders, Repairs, etc.	\$ 2,000.00	
Publish Annual Report	\$ 125.00	
Phone	\$ 400.00	
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Expense Total	\$ 48,930.00	
Funds on hand		\$38,413.54
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 $^{^1{}m The}$ committee has elected to utilize the services of the Associated Water users Association of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone River drainage for secretarial work, as well as, the collection of assessments from their members.

Lake Fork and Yellowstone River Commissioner's 2002 Schedule of Assessments

Funds on hand at the beginning of the year carried forward from unused 2001 budgeted funds

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Crystal Ranch	\$ 0.00	
Dry Gulch Irr.	\$ 23,621.45	
Farnsworth Canal & Irrigation	\$ 7,118.83	
Hansen, Gordon	\$ 22.51	
J. Bruce Hartman	\$ 98.84	
Lake Fork Irrigation Co.	\$ 1,425.33	
Lake Fork Western Irr. Co.	\$ 1,976.77	
Lusty Cattle Inc.	\$ 8.32	
Monarch Can. & Res.	\$ 97.37	
Rowley Ditch	\$ 0.00	
Sandwash Irr. Co.	\$ 555.84	
South Boneta Ditch Co.	\$ 425.69	
T. N. Dodd Irr. Co.	\$ 178.59	
Uteland	\$ 743.74	
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MAILING CERTIFICATE

STATE OF UTAH)	
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COUNTY OF DUCHESN	E)	

Cheree Brotherson, being duly sworn, says:

That she is employed in the office of McKEACHNIE, ALLRED, McCLELLAN & TROTTER, P. C. attorneys for Petitioners, herein; that she served the attached PETITION TO APPROVE 2001 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT, 2002 BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS, 2002 SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION AND REQUEST TO APPOINT THE 2002 RIVER COMMISSIONER FOR THE LAKE FORK RIVER, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, AND SAND WASH CREEK by placing a true and correct copy thereon in an envelope addressed to:

LYNN BURTON
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
STAR ROUTE BOX 140
TALMAGE, UT 84073

WILLIAM R. MCCONKIE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR 125 SOUTH STATE STREET SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84138

ASSOCIATED WATER USERS DRY GULCH IRRIGATION P O BOX 265 ROOSEVELT, UTAH 84066 STEPHEN ROTH ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY 185 SOUTH STATE, SUITE 400 SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111

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LEE SIMMS
WATER RIGHTS DIVISION
P. O. BOX 146300
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114-6300

and deposited the same, sealed, with first class postage prepaid thereon, in the United States mail at Roosevelt, Utah, on the 1974 day of Cipil, 2002.

Cheree Brotherson